Urban District Council of Pickering.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Urban District Council

LADIES & GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 15,652 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 4,010.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,270 and 25 Nissen Huts.

The Rateable Value is £16,754, which produces a Penny Rate, £73 : 16 : 0 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		68	27	41	16.9
Live Births	Legitimate	63	25	38	
	Illegitimate	5	2	3	
Still Births	Legitimate	1	1	0	29.4 per 1,000 total Births Live and Still
	Illegitimate	1	0	1	
Deaths		62	31	31	15.46 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

	Total	Rate
All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	2	29.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	2	31.7
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	0	0

No deaths occured from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occured from other Puerperal Disease.

Causes of Death :—

Heart Disease	27	Nephritis	4
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	Diabetes	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	6	Premature Birth	1
Bronchitis	2	Congenital Malformation	1
Tuberculosis	1	Suicide	1
Cancer	7	All Other Causes	9

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological Department of General Hospital, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance Service has been taken over by the North Riding County Council but a Motor Ambulance is still stationed in Pickering and is of great service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Water Supply.

The Town supply has been satisfactory in both quantity and quality, but great hardship has been experienced in some of the outlying farms and houses where wells have been empty for long periods during the year. Water has been led in the Council's water cart to Newbridge and the National Fire Service have led water to the higher farms. A scheme to supply these areas with water is long overdue as the continued drought will make the position increasingly difficult.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the report on the Sanitary Inspection of the area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	81
,, ,, ,, Housing Acts	79
,, ,, to Dairies, Cowsheds & Milk Shops ...	62
,, ,, to works in progress	96
,, ,, to Shops	12
Drainage systems renewed and improved	18
Drains inspected and tested	46
,, ,, ,, found satisfactory	42
,, ,, ,, found defective	4
,, ,, ,, re-tested	4

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts as regards temperature and ventilation. In one case the work of providing suitable sanitary accommodation is in hand.

Camping Sites.

No licences have been issued for Camping Sites. One unauthorised camp was cleared after informal action.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in this area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

The Council own one small swimming bath which has been closed for some years now as there is no suitable sterilising or circulating system in operation.

Meat and Other Foods.

With the exception of emergency slaughters all slaughtering is carried out at the Central Abbatoir at Malton. Tinned and other foods have been inspected in the shops and small quantities have been condemned, mainly of the tinned variety.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No Houses either Council or privately owned have been found infested with bed bugs. Cases of flea infestation have been dealt with by spraying with insecticide and D.D.T. powder.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

The sewers and the disposal works have been maintained in a satisfactory condition and the new sewers to Bk. Eastgate, Willowgate and Castlebank will improve the drainage conditions to houses in those areas.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The collection of refuse has proceeded smoothly throughout the year and there have been very few complaints as regards this service. The Tip has been dressed regularly with Insect Powder and Rat Baits. Regular visits from the Rodent Officer of the Ministry of Food has confirmed the view that rodent control at the Tip is efficiently carried out.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, M.R.S.I., M.I.H.,

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence & control over infectious & other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1948.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ...	95	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	4	none	none
Diphtheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Parotyphoid	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	none	none	none
Pneumonia ...	1	none	none
Erysipelas ...	none	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	none	none	none
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	none	none	none

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases and Mortality during 1948 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
15 ..	1	1						
25 ...								
35 ...	1				1			
45 ...								
55 ...								
65 & upwards								
Totals...	2	1			1			

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
D. L. FLETCHER,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Urban District.

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